

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A monitoring system comprising:

- a primary system with multiple devices; and
- a simulator for simulating behavior of the primary system;

wherein:

- the monitoring system evaluates a result supplied by the primary system with respect to an outcome calculated by the simulator in order to monitor the primary system.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein:

- each respective one of the devices comprises a respective finite state machine;
- the respective state machine calculates per time step a value of a quantity according to a respective mathematical function;
- the respective mathematical function has as arguments:
  - the value of the quantity calculated at a preceding time step by at least another one of the state machines;
  - a respective history of values assumed by the quantity calculated by the respective state machine;
  - a respective control code determined by content present in a memory of the respective device at the time step;
- the respective mathematical function is such that the quantity assumes a stochastic behavior.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein:

- each respective device has a respective computational resource;
- each respective one of the devices performs a respective primary task using the respective resource; and
- depending on the respective primary task, each respective device performs a respective secondary task for reducing availability of the respective computational resource.

4. The system of claim 2, wherein

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5. A method of enabling to protect a primary system that has multiple devices, the method comprising:

6. The method of claim 5, wherein:

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- each respective one of the devices performs a respective primary task using the respective resource; and
- the method comprises enabling each respective device to perform a respective secondary task, depending on the respective primary task, for reducing availability of the respective computational resource.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein

- each respective device has a respective computational resource;
- each respective one of the devices performs a respective primary task using the respective resource;
- the method comprises enabling each respective device to perform a respective secondary task, depending on the respective primary task, for reducing availability of the respective computational resource; and
- the respective secondary task comprises calculating the quantity using adapting a length of the respective history.

9. A device having a computational resource for performing a primary task, and comprising an FSM, independent of performing the primary task, for enabling to monitor an integrity of the resource.

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